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**Drug Analysis Laboratory Monthly Status Report**

**March, 2008**

**Amherst and Jamaica Plain (combined)**

Cases* submitted to the laboratories this month.....	2270
Number of items* contained in these cases.....	3738
Cases analyzed by the laboratories this month.....	1833
Number of items analyzed this month.....	2969
Laboratories' backlog (Items).....	7956
Average time per analysis (turnaround time).....	72 days
Number of preliminary/priority analyses performed.....	150

**Analysis Backlog**

Unanalyzed items in the laboratory on the last day of the month

1-15 days old	2088	24%
16-30 days old	1436	16%
31-50 days old	1513	17%
Greater than 50 days	3698	42%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8735</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* A CASE refers to all the evidence gathered from an incident or arrest that is related to one or more defendants. Each case may contain one or more ITEMS of different appearance and/or composition, e.g. marijuana, cocaine, heroin.

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**Analysis Profile**

Time in the laboratory for items analyzed this month

1-15 days	114	4%
16-30 days	736	25%
31-50 days	114	4%
Greater than 50 days	2005	68%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2969</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Totals for Drugs of Interest**

Drug Type	Number of Items
Marijuana	1243
Cocaine	715
Heroin	236
Others	775
<b>Total</b>	<b>2969</b>

**Trafficking Items Analyzed**

Drug Type	Number of Items
Heroin	8
Cocaine	40
Marijuana	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>

Calendar Year (2008) Totals through the End of the Month

Items Submitted	10617
Items Analyzed	9335